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SUBJ: DIALOGUE WITH EC PRESIDENCY--JANUARY 19-20 POLITICAL

DIRECTORS MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG--UN

1. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS' DISCUSSION ON UN AFFAIRS REFLECTED THE CONSENSUS THAT BETTER PREPARATION AND COORDINATION ARE NEEDED AT THE UN AMONG THE NINE AS WELL AS IN THE NINE'S DEALINGS WITHIN THE EOG AND TOWARDS OTHER BLOCS AND NATIONS. THE EC'S UN EXPERTS GROUP WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK WAYS TO IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY'S PERFORMANCE WITH EMPHASIS ON ANTICIPATING ISSUES AND MAKING ITS INFLUENCE FELT ON A TIMELY BASIS. THE NINE'S PERM REPS AT THE UN WILL BE ASKED TO PREPARE AN ANALYSIS OF THE PROBLEM AND REPORT TO THE EXPERTS GROUP

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WITHIN THE NEXT MONTH TO SIX WEEKS.

2. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS NOTED THAT THE UNESCO SESSION TO DRAFT A DECLARATION ON RACE AND RACIAL PREJUDICE HAS BEEN POSTPONED SINE DIE. THEY APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE THE EXPERTS GROUP'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON TACTICS FOR MEETING (SEE REFTTEL) SHOULD IT BE SCHEDULED AGAIN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HOWEVER, THEY AGREED THAT THEY WOULD RECONSIDER THEIR POSITION IN LIGHT OF PREVAILING CIRCUMSTANCES IF AND WHEN THE UNESCO MEETING IS RESCHEDULED.

3. COMMENT: MFA SOURCE WHO PARTICIPATED IN MEETING SAID THERE WAS NO QUESTION THAT POLITICAL DIRECTORS FULLY UNDERSTOOD U.S. POSITION ON NONATTENDANCE AT UNESCO MEETING AND THAT U.S. HAD URGED AND PROBABLY WOULD URGE AGAIN THE NINE TO BOYCOTT THE MEETING AS WELL. HE SAID THE UNESCO ISSUE WAS REGARDED AS ACADEMIC, AND NO REAL EFFORT WAS MADE TO RECONCILE DIFFERENCES EVEN AMONG THE NINE ON THE WISDOM OF ATTENDANCE OR BOYCOTT. SOURCE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE NINE'S FULL ACCORD WITH U.S. ON PRINCIPLE INVOLVED SHOULD BE UNDERSCORED AND THAT ONLY DIFFERENCE WITH U.S. WAS ON TACTICAL QUESTION OF HOW BEST TO COMBAT EFFORTS TO EQUATE RACISM/ZIONISM IN UN FORA.
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